



Greetings from the 2008-2009 Wisconsin Region IV Vice President

Hello Region IV! The 2008-2009 State Officer Team and I are very excited to start the fiscal FBLA year off and have already started working hard to make this a year to remember.



To let you know a little about myself, my name is Courtney Sutherland and I am a senior at La Crosse Central High School. In addition to my involvement in FBLA, I participate in National Honor Society, a Champions Program, serve as the

Senior Class Treasurer, and balance two jobs. In my free time (yes I do have free time!) enjoy spending time with my family and friends!

As previously serving as my local chapter's president and an active FBLA member, I realize that many local chapters have great ideas and suggestions that would make our region and state stronger. If you have any input that would make Region IV or Wisconsin FBLA even better this year, don't hesitate to contact me at wifblaregion4vp@gmail.com or chsfbllacs@yahoo.com.

I look forward to working with you this year and I am excited to see each of you at the Fall Leadership Labs in Wisconsin Dells and the National Fall Leadership Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Good luck to each and everyone one of you this year and remember to "Get the Edge" by participating in all FBLA has to offer!

2008-2009 Wisconsin State Officer Team

This year's state officer team is ready to make this year a success. Your Wisconsin State Officers Are:

State President: Michelle Friedel
State Vice President: Samantha Murphy
State Secretary: Larissa Jo Speerstra
State Treasurer: Ken Feldkamp
State Reporter: Anthony Pappenfus
State Parliamentarian: Katharine Molinarolo
Region I Vice President: Breanna Minor
Region II Vice President: Bailey Reed
Region III Vice President: Cassandra Kusow
Region IV Vice President: Courtney Sutherland
Region V Vice President: Kaitlyn Teal
Region VI Vice President: Amber Zhou



NEW! Wisconsin FBLA Website

In the past, many have found Wisconsin's FBLA website difficult to navigate and find information. We have recognized this and are happy to announce that on **September 1st** the site will be greatly revised and have a lot more information to help our state and local chapters be successful! The URL will remain the same but there will now be six tabs titled, About FBLA, Competitive Events, Officers & Staff, Conferences, Partnerships, and Chapter Resources! Check it out by visiting <http://dpi.wi.gov/fbla/fbla.html>. You can also visit National FBLA on the web by visiting www.fbla-pbl.org.



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What is....?

This year the state officers created Fun Fact Sheets about different aspects of FBLA! Each month three of the twelve will be featured in the Region IV Newsletter! This month attached are documents containing information about:

- The Middle Level
- The Professional Division
- Membership Madness

Conferences

Fall Leadership Labs

Wisconsin Dells, WI (October 16th, 2008)
Wausau, WI (October 21st, 2008)

The State Officers have come up with great workshops to share with our members! The topics include:

The Building Blocks of FBLA

Information and activities that explain the basics of FBLA.

And the Winners Is...

Awards and Achievements that will make one successful in FBLA.

Preparing for Your Future

FBLA skills and basics that will be important to know to gain mileage in the real world.

National Fall Leadership Conference

Minneapolis, MN (November 7th-8th, 2008)

Region IV Leadership Conference

La Crosse, WI (February 7th, 2009)

State Leadership Conference

Milwaukee, WI (April 2nd-3rd, 2009)

National Leadership Conference

Anaheim, CA (June 25th-28th, 2009)

New Chapters

If you know of any high schools or middle schools that do not currently have FBLA in their school, please email the school's name to wifblaregion4vp@gmail.com! Together we can Supersize FBLA!

The Professional Division Challenge

Each and every one of us knows a professional in our communities. Did you know they could be involved in FBLA? They could do so by:

- Allowing students to job shadow them
- Arrange a tour at their local business
- Judge at the local, state, and national competitions
- Offer scholarships and other financial support
- And much, much more!

Included in this newsletter is a brochure on The Professional Division, a part of FBLA for professionals! I challenge the chapters of Region IV to find someone in the community that would like to become a part of our great organization!

For more information and materials on the Professional Division please contact me (wifblaregion4vp@gmail.com).





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Things to Remember

Submit an Article to be Featured in Wisconsin's Annual Newsletter, The E-Bulletin

For those of you who are unaware, Wisconsin has our very own Online Newsletter (<http://dpi.wi.gov/fbla/fbla.html>) and click on "eBulletin"). This year we have decided to create a section dedicated to those that volunteer in their community! If you or your chapter participates in community service projects, submit a few pictures and type up a short summary of what you did and how you impacted your community. In creating each article, we will choose one lucky chapter that will be featured as Stars of Wisconsin FBLA. Please submit these activities to Anthony Pappenfus, the Wisconsin State Reporter (wifblareporter@gmail.com). The deadline for submission to the October Issue is September 15th, 2008. Check it out today!



FBLA Scholarships

Looking for scholarships? FBLA can help you with that! If you are a high school senior looking to pursue education in business, you may be eligible for Wisconsin's two scholarships including The Kevin P. Colling Scholarship and The Lorraine Missling Scholarship. Applications are available on the Wisconsin FBLA Website (<http://dpi.wi.gov/fbla/fbla.html>) or can be obtained from any state executive board member. Applications are due **January 15th, 2009**.

Just for Advisers!

Important Dates

- September 1st**- Membership Registration Opens (www.fbla-pbl.org)
- September 15th**- 1st Local Chapter Community Service Project Submission for E-bulletin Due to Anthony Pappenfus (wifblareporter@gmail.com).
- October 8th**- Fall Leadership Lab Registration Deadline
- October 10th**- NFLC Registration Deadline
- October 15th**- Gold Seal Applications Due
- November 15th**- FBLA National/State Membership Deadline for Competition Dues/Membership Registration (www.fbla-pbl.org)
- November 15th**- Membership Madness/Mania Applications Due
- November 15th**- 2nd Local Chapter Community Service Project Submission for E-bulletin Due to Anthony Pappenfus (wifblareporter@gmail.com).
- December 1st**- Local Program of Work due to State Office
- December 8th-19th**- RLC Registration Window
- December 15th**- Regional Vice President Candidate Applications Due to the State Office
- January 8th-21st**- Testing Window: RLC Online and Skill Event Testing at Home School
- January 15th**- WI FBLA Scholarship Applications Due
- January 23rd**- All pre-judged and skill event materials, along with registration fees and Regional VP candidate materials **due to regional host schools** (must be received)
- February 7th**- Regional Leadership Conference Held, 2009 Officer Screening (bring campaign materials for approval)

[For the full 2008-2009 FBLA Competitive Events Calendar, please contact Jennifer Wegner, the Wisconsin State Chair (wifblaadviser@gmail.com).]